

New Hampshire Climate Change Action Plan
2nd Task Force Meeting
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Proposed Climate Change Action Plan Development Process

This memo lays out a proposed framework for developing a concrete and implementable action plan. The process outlined below would enable the Task Force to employ the range of options that the Working Groups will be developing in the coming months.

The Action Plan development process will rely on the Working Groups in the initial phases to identify the higher interest goals and actions and to refine their design. The work will gradually shift to rely on the Task Force, which will develop a draft Action Plan Outline and approve the final Action Plan. The Department of Environmental Services will continue to provide support throughout the process.

Starting in May, the Department of Environmental Service will begin assembling the preliminary cut of goals and actions identified by the Working Groups as well as contributions made by the public. This set of options will be delivered to the Task Force at their third meeting on May 19, 2008, at which time the Task Force will conduct an initial sorting of this preliminary list. At its fourth meeting on June 17, 2008, the Task Force will complete its preliminary review of the suggested goals and actions developed by the Working Groups and will develop a draft Action Plan Outline.

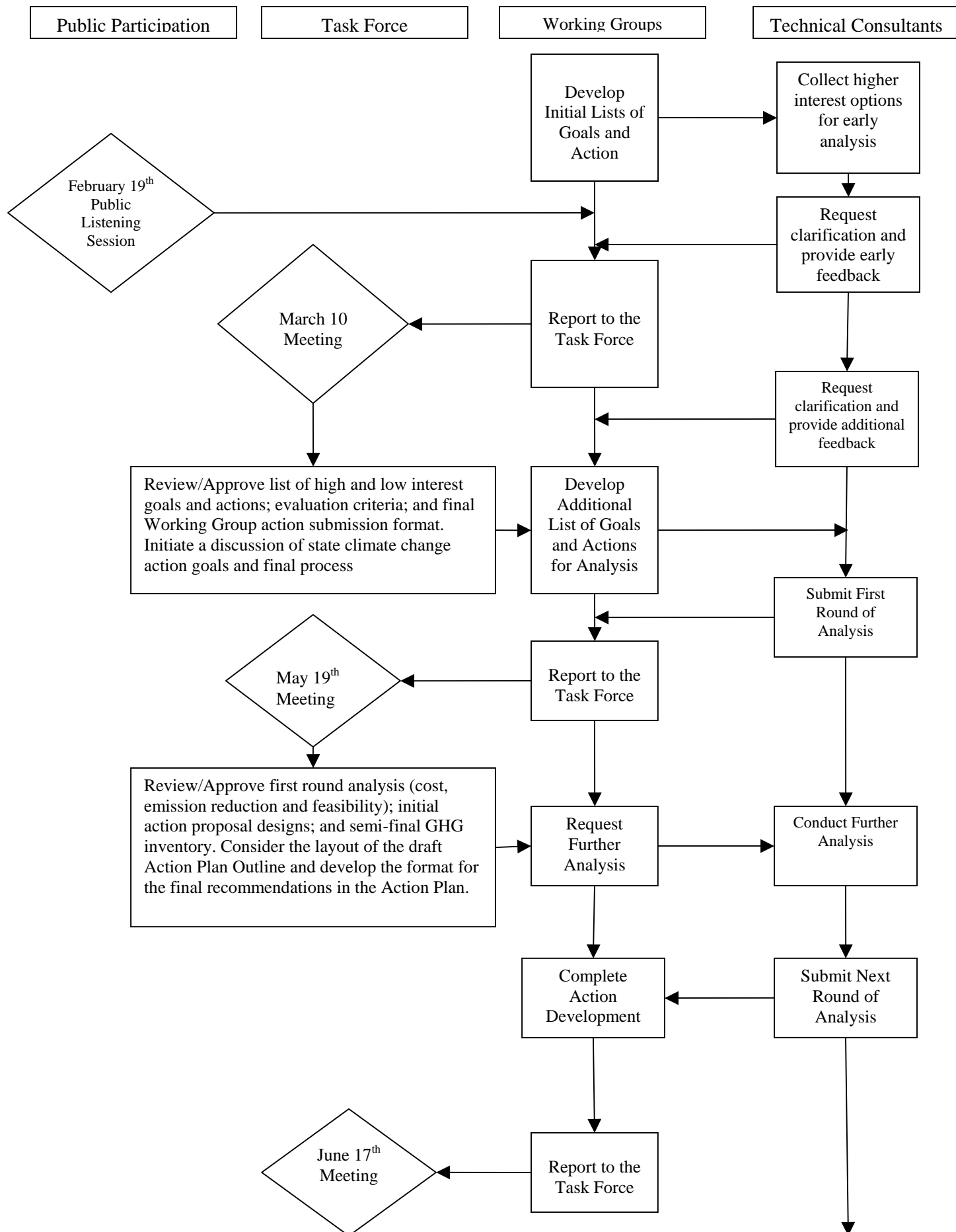
The draft Action Plan Outline will be developed by compiling and sorting the actions under consideration by the Working Groups. Each of the actions will be associated with a short, mid and long-term reduction and will be categorized as follows:

- A. Actions that have a high feasibility for successful implementation.
- B. Actions that have a medium feasibility for successful implementation due to a technical, economic or political obstacle.
- C. Actions that have a low feasibility for successful implementation due to a higher degree of technical, economic or political obstacles.

These categories will be used to identify those actions that could be immediately undertaken by the state or other parties (High Feasibility in A, above) in order to achieve emission reductions. The list will also be used to identify the challenges that would need to be overcome and the questions that would need to be answered in order to implement the medium and low feasibility options and achieve further reductions.

DES will use the outcome of this process to develop a draft Action Plan Outline that would describe the immediate programs and policies that could be implemented, as well as a set of actions that would require intermediate action. This outline will be submitted for public comment along with specific, but yet to be identified questions to which we will seek responses from the public. Comments on the Outline will be gathered at public hearings conducted at four locations around the state between July 7 and 10, 2008. Comments could also be made via email for a specified length of time.

These comments will be integrated into a more detailed outline that proposes coordinated implementation strategies for the specific actions. This final outline will be reviewed and approved at the fifth and final Task Force meeting in early August. DES will then complete the drafting of the final report, which will be based on a format that is currently under development, and submit it to the Governor by September 1, 2008.



Public Participation

Task Force

Working Groups

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